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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

MICHAEL GETLER REPORTS THAT THE ONLY NEW BASE FOR THE NEW CLASS OF TRIDENT MISSILE-FIRING SUBMARINE WILL BE BUILT ON PUGET SOUND. DEFENSE OFFICIALS CALL THE SURPRISE SELECTION OF THE PACIFIC BASE "A VICTORY FOR THE STRATEGISTS," ONE WHICH COULD SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE SOVIET ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE IN SEVERAL WAYS. (A 1)

THE SOVIETS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST SHIPS OUT OF THE BLACK SEA PORT OF ODESSA ARE ON THEIR WAY TO NORTH VIETNAM. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT "A BIG GROUP OF SOVIET EXPERTS IS DUE TO LEAVE IN A FEW DAYS TIME TO HELP IN EXPANDING THE PORT OF HAIPHONG." (A 1)

THE FOUR PARTIES OF THE JMC ISSUED AN URGENT APPEAL TO SAIGON AND THE VIET CONG TO COMPLETELY HALT ALL HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND RESPECT THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. THE U.S. PROTESTED TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE THAT THE CH-47 DOWNED YESTERDAY WAS ON A PEACE KEEPING MISSION. ONE OF THE CREWMEN WAS REPORTED IN CRITICAL CONDITION WITH BURNS. (A 7)

A PICTURE OF YOU AND CHOU EN-LAI SHAKING HANDS APPEARS ON A 13.

WILLIAM S. WHITE WRITES THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE WORLD'S TWO MOST PIOUSLY PACIFISTIC NATIONS, INDIA AND SWEDEN, ARE IN DEEP COLD STORAGE AND NO KIND OF THAW IN SIGHT. THE PAST THREE PRESIDENTS HAD A FIXED POLICY OF EXERCISING A GLOOMY PATIENCE AND A VERY HIGH DEGREE OF TOLERANCE WHEN THE U.S. WAS ATTACKED BY "NONALIGNED" COUNTRIES. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE STATEMENTS BY PRIME MINISTERS GANDHI AND PALME MAKE IT UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ALONG WITH THE KIND OF TRUTH AND LOGIC THEY ARE PREACHING. (A 15)

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STAFF WRITER TERRI SHAW REPORTS THAT FORMER COL. FRANCISCO CAAMANO, THE LEADER OF THE 1965 DOMINICAN REBELLION, WAS KILLED YESTERDAY BY DOMINICAN TROOPS IN THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS. A GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE SAID THREE OTHER PERSONS WERE ALSO KILLED IN THE MOUNTAINS OF SAN JOSE DE OCOA. (A 17)

BARBARA BRIGHT WRITES THAT THE NSC IS PLANNING TO RE-EXAMINE U.S. POLICY TOWARD GREECE. ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED SOURCES, THE POLICY REVIEW IS EXPECTED IN MARCH. ONE WHITE HOUSE SOURCE SAID HE THOUGHT ANY CHANGE IS UNLIKELY; ANOTHER SOURCE DENIED THAT A REVIEW IS PLANNED. (A 24)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND WESTERN DIPLOMATS ARE EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUED FIGHTING IN SOUTH VIETNAM THREE WEEKS AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE. U.S. ANALYSTS HAD EXPECTED ONLY SNIPING AND SMALL ARMS FIRE AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE, BUT THEY EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE ARTILLERY EXPENDITURE THEY ARE SEEING. ONE U.S. ANALYST WAS EQUALLY SURPRISED AND CONCERNED THAT THE ORDERS TO CEASE FIRING SO FAR HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED BY THE SAIGON AUTHORITIES OR THE VIET CONG. (A 1)

WILLIAM BEECHER REPORTS ON THE FIRING OF NINE ICBM'S BY THE SOVIET UNION FROM SVOBODNYY TO THE KAMCHATKA IMPACT AREA IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. BEECHER SAYS U.S. OFFICIALS SUGGEST THIS IS A STEP-UP IN TRAINING OF CREWS FOR MISSILES WITH POTENTIAL TARGETS IN CHINA. THE OFFICIALS ALSO NOTED THE FIRINGS CAME SHORTLY BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL IN PEKING. ONE OFFICIAL DECLARED "WE DON'T KNOW IF THE PURPOSE OF THE FIRINGS WAS THE EQUIVALENT OF A SHOT ACROSS THE BOW PRECEDING MR. KISSINGER'S VISIT." BUT AT THE VERY LEAST THEIR CAPABILITY TO FIRE AT CHINA IS NOT BEING NEGLECTED BUT SUBSTANTIALLY ACCELERATED. (4)

SOURCES IN THE ADMINISTRATION REPORT THERE WILL BE A MAJOR SHIFT OF AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO KEY ASIAN POSTS IN THE WAKE OF THE VIETNAM SETTLEMENT. INCLUDED IN THE SHIFT WILL BE MARSHAL GREEN, SELECTED TO BE AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA, WILLIAM SULLIVAN TO THE PHILIPPINES POST AND GRAHAM MARTIN TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR BUNKER IN SAIGON. (8)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

SCOTT SULLIVAN REPORTS FROM PARIS THAT SOURCES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BARGAINING TABLE ARE HINTING AT THE STRONG LIKELIHOOD OF THE TALKS CONTINUING INDEFINITELY IN PARIS. ON THURSDAY MADAME BINH SAID THAT "ONLY VERY SLIGHT PROGRESS" HAS BEEN MADE. (A 2)

THE LEAD SUN EDITORIAL SAYS THAT IF THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO GET THE ADD-TO-VIETNAM PROGRAM PASSED, IT WILL HAVE TO CONVINCE THE PEOPLE THAT THE U.S. INCURRED IMMENSE OBLIGATIONS THROUGH THE VIETNAM INVOLVEMENT THAT MUST BE FULFILLED AS A MATTER OF NATIONAL HONOR AND INTEREST. (A 16)

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